

TAFT, 2,000 FEET UNDER GROUND

Donned Linen Duster and Old Black Slouch Hat for Trip Though Inky Darkness

SAW MONTANA COPPER MINERS AT WORK

Declares He Would Not Have Missed that Trip for the World—Thrilling Auto Ride Over the Mountains—President Sprains Tendon in His Right Foot—Flying Trip to the Smelters—Presented with Golf Club Driver

Helena, Mont., Sept. 27.—Attired in a linen duster and an old black slouch hat, and wearing an electric lantern at his side, President Taft was locked in a narrow iron cage and descended 2,000 feet through darkness into the depths of the famous Leonard copper mine at Butte today.

Half an Hour Under Ground

After half an hour under ground the president was brought to the surface, blinking in the glare of the noonday sun. He was cheered by the crowd of curious on-lookers who gathered at the mine entrance.

Address at State Fair Grounds

On arriving at Helena he went directly to the state fair grounds, where, after viewing a portion of the exhibits, he made an open air address and witnessed a race of cowboys.

At Spokane Today

Leaving Helena this evening he headed directly for Spokane, where he is expected tomorrow to deliver his formal speech on the conservation of the natural resources and the reclamation of arid lands.

President Sprained Foot Tendon

President Taft walked with a limp when he first got off the train this morning at Anaconda, the result of a sprained tendon in his right foot. The accident happened in his belt, but he suffered little inconvenience from it until today when his foot was considerably swollen.

Greeted by Large Crowds

The president made a flying trip through the Washoe smelter at Anaconda, where he was greeted by large crowds.

FIFTEEN CHILDREN BADLY INJURED IN SCHOOL PANIC

Explosion of Fireworks in Italian Celebration Throws Pupils Into Flight

Jersey City, Sept. 27.—A panic among the 1,000 pupils of St. Anthony's Polish parochial school at Monmouth and Sixth streets caused by the explosion of fireworks in the street nearby resulted today in the injury of fifteen children.

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MRS. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW PAINEFULLY INJURED IN PARIS

Public Taxicab in Collision with Her Automobile

Paris, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew was with a painful accident on Saturday while riding in an automobile on the Champs Elysees. A public taxicab collided with her automobile and Mrs. Depew was cut about the forehead by broken glass.

NATIONAL BANK NOTES

Voluns of Them Outstanding is Now \$701,877,724.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The treasury department reports show that the total amount of national bank notes now outstanding is \$701,877,724. This is an increase of \$2,232,250 over the total on the first day of September and an increase of \$14,751,816 over the total national bank notes outstanding on Sept. 1 a year ago.

Gaynor's Candidacy Endorsed by Labor Organization

New York, Sept. 27.—Justice William J. Gaynor, whose candidacy for the New York mayoralty has been endorsed by several independent and semi-independent political organizations, received the endorsement tonight of a labor organization calling itself the "Workman's Political Party," and claiming to voice the sentiments of 23,900 members. The democratic executive committee of Brooklyn voted tonight to support Justice Gaynor in the democratic city convention.

Scarlet Fever in Winsted

Canaan, Sept. 27.—Precautionary measures were taken today in closing the high school in Winsted, Conn., because of scarlet fever. Four children of one citizen have the infection, but no other pupils in the school has shown signs of the disease.

Cabled Paragraphs

London, Sept. 27.—Russia secured the bulk of the \$4,750,000 gold available in the market today, paying 77 1/2-80, an advance of 3-40, per ounce.

Paris, Sept. 27.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Cayuga ran in the Prix Chante Pies at St. Cloud today, but did not get a place. His Barbarossa was third in the Prix Tunnel. The Prix Reservoir was won by William K. Vanderbilt's Buell.

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 27.—The fifth series of the annual wool sales was opened here today, but no business was done owing to the fact that the buyers absented themselves because of a dispute with the brokers. The reason for the trouble is that the brokers declined to accept the offer of voice in the infliction of penalties on brokers for breaches of the trade rules.

London, Sept. 27.—The handsome new altar presented to the Harvard Memorial chapel at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by R. W. Hixson of New York was dedicated this evening by the bishop of Southwark in the presence of a large congregation. J. R. Carter, secretary of the American embassy, and A. A. Lawrence, New York banker, and a number of other Americans attended. The altar ornaments were presented by Mr. Lawrence and F. R. Appel of New York.

COMMODORE SMITH'S ESTATE OVER A MILLION. Fortune Left by Stamford Man Goes to Family and Relatives.

Stamford, Sept. 27.—More than a million dollars' worth of property is disposed of by the will of James D. Smith, the New York banker, who died a few days ago, which was offered for probate today. There are no public gifts, the members of the family being the beneficiaries. Specific gifts of from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Smith left his diamonds, jewels, paintings and the contents of Linden Lodge to his daughter, Helen, who also is to receive the residue of the estate in trust, and upon her death one-half of the trust fund is to go to the son of the daughter, Helen, formerly was the wife of Homer S. Cummings, and the other half to children of the testator's son.

A codicil of the will executed on September 10 of this year provides that \$300,000 shall be left for a time in the business of the testator in New York, in order that the business may be continued. The will, drawn in 1907, covers over thirty typewritten pages.

UTICA MYSTERY SOLVED.

Recent Kidnapping and Murder of Italian Children.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 27.—The mystery which for many days surrounded the kidnapping of three little Italian children and the murder of two of them in the Eagle street courtyard two weeks ago last Sunday night, was solved today, the police say, beyond a question of doubt, when they obtained a confession from Thomas Rizzo, a man who has been held as a suspect for more than a week.

A volume of circumstantial evidence which the police had been gathering for days pointed directly to Rizzo, and until this morning he denied all connection with the crime. Rizzo says that his original purpose was to assault the little girls, but that he was told by the father, he shot them, and the little boys as well, leaving all three for dead.

GOV. JOHNSON'S WILL PROBATED

Value of the Estate Estimated as in Excess of \$37,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 27.—Gov. John A. Johnson's will was filed in the Ramsey county probate court today. The value of the estate is estimated to be in excess of \$37,000.

FOUR KILLED IN WISCONSIN

Freight Train Crashes Into Party on Handcar.

Wausau, Wis., Sept. 27.—Four persons were instantly killed and three others injured last evening in a collision between a freight train and a handcar near Edgar, this county. A party of nine persons was returning from church at Ponslawski and had reached the rocky cut on the road when the freight car crashed into the handcar, throwing it against the rocks.

FIGHTING OVER SANTA CLAUS.

Two Japanese Firms Claim to Have Patented the American Saint.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 27.—News was brought by the steaming Empress of China that thirty thousand models of Santa Claus consigned to American dealers by a Japanese firm are held up at Kobe pending a claim for alleged infringement of patent brought by another Japanese firm. Both firms admit having copied the figures from copies taken to Japan from the United States.

Rhode Island Summer Cottage Looted.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 27.—The police of this city today made public the fact that two cottages at Long Meadow, twelve miles out of the city, were entered early yesterday, the burglars escaping with \$500 in cash and jewelry valued at about \$7,000. At the summer home of Fred B. Horton of this city all the jewelry was secured, with \$400 in money. The remainder of the money was stolen from the summer cottage of Frank P. Marsh of this city.

Halley's Comet Observed Visually.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 27.—The Harvard college observatory at Arequipa, notified by Professor Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory, that Halley's comet was observed visually by Professor Barnard on Sept. 24, 20 hours, 22 minutes, 21 seconds, Greenwich time, in approximately right ascension 6 hours, 18 minutes, 56.72 seconds, and declination plus 17 degrees, 6 minutes, 11.2 seconds.

Woman Endorsed for Congress

Denver, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Dewey C. Bailey, wife of the United States marshal of Colorado and president of the Denver Women's club, was endorsed yesterday by the State Women's Republican club for the nomination for congress in the First district.

Waterbury Republican City Convention

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 25.—In the republican city convention tonight W. E. Hotchkiss was nominated unanimously for mayor. There was no opposition. Mr. Hotchkiss is the former Williams college football and baseball captain.

Peary Talks About Earthquake Week

Cook's "Stuff" Beginning Today

THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND IN THE CACHE AT ETAH. DEDUCTIONS OF AN AMERICAN VOLCANOLOGIST.

CONFERENCE WITH GEN. HUBBARD

President of Peary Arctic Club—Peary Claims That Cook Had Insufficient Equipment to Reach the Pole.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 27.—Commander Robert E. Peary, accompanied by his wife, reached here tonight from Portland, and within half an hour of his arrival was in conference with General Thomas H. Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic club, concerning the statement which will shortly be made public by Commander Peary to support his contention that Dr. Frederick A. Cook did not reach the pole. The two were still in conference late tonight at General Hubbard's summer home, where the explorer was a guest.

Looking Over Data.

"There is nothing to say just now," said General Hubbard tonight. "Commander Peary is here and we are looking over the data he has on the Cook expedition, but there is no statement to be made at this time. No date has been set for the meeting of the officers of the Peary Arctic club, and I shall not determine that until my return to New York next week."

The consultation will be continued tomorrow and late in the day Commander Peary will probably return to his home at Eagle Island. It is generally believed that he and General Hubbard will go to New York together.

Peary Goes Over His Evidence.

From what can be learned of the conference tonight Peary went over every phase of his alleged evidence against Dr. Cook from the time the Brooklyn explorer began his preparations to go north more than two years ago until after his interviews with Dr. Cook's Eskimos at Etah. General Hubbard has been arranging this material in order as personal counsel for Peary.

There was a large crowd at the steamer landing notwithstanding the weather. The Peary party, Commander Peary and his wife, were warmly welcomed today. General Hubbard greeted the explorer and his wife as they left the steamer, then the party drove to Hill Crest, the general's home.

Spoke Frequently of Harry Whitney.

During the trip to Bar Harbor Peary spoke frequently of Harry Whitney. "There might have been some strange reasons why Whitney did not go back to Etah in the Jeanie for Dr. Cook's stuff," he said. "Can you understand how anyone could let such records get out of his hands. I would not give my records to my dearest relative. Whitney again I don't see how Cook could have shown them to me. I secured my instruments in a bag and sent them to Etah in the water. I saw in the water and wore until I didn't see why he should carry Cook's freight."

"I kept my records under watch day and night, and I was prepared, in case the Roosevelt was crushed in the ice, to throw them overboard so that they would float in the water. Can you imagine my giving up those records to a perfect stranger?"

"Harry Whitney did not tell me what he did with the stuff," he said. "I cannot say why I should have carried the stuff with me. I carried it because Dr. Cook ordered me to. I carried it because I did not know what to do with it. I carried it because I did not know what to do with it. I carried it because I did not know what to do with it."

Examined Cook's Sledge and Snowshoes.

"I saw Dr. Cook's sledge at Etah and looked it over carefully, while Mr. McMillan held up Cook's snowshoes and showed them to me. But I didn't examine the snowshoes carefully."

Reverting to Dr. Cook's things, he continued:

"I imagine Dr. Cook's stuff was made up of superfluous instruments. After Whitney had put the stuff ashore I told the Eskimos to leave it alone. On my return from the pole I saw all the Eskimos and talked with them. After what I heard I would not credit Dr. Cook's claims. The letter that informed me that Dr. Cook had claimed the pole was from a whaler named Captain Adams and not Walker as has been stated. The letter was dated June 27, and I received it at Cape York."

The Proof an Explorer Should Bring Back.

"What proof would you require of an explorer that he had been to the north?" Peary was asked. "That if a man went to the highest point that had been reached before, he should bring back the records he found there," said Commander Peary. "You will note that Cook's route to the pole was 107 miles longer each way than mine. The people can make their own deduction whether Dr. Cook with his equipment could have made such a journey."

"Dr. Cook claims he went from latitude 78 1-2 to 90 degrees and back to 76 degrees, altogether just 25 1-2. Then think the best previous record made by any explorer was a total of 11 degrees. I cannot say whether the extra 107 miles each way that Cook says he traveled would have subjected the instruments to a risk which was entirely unnecessary, when Mr. Whitney awaited a ship to go to Etah for him, and the instruments were expected to return direct to America."

COOK LECTURED LAST NIGHT

AT CARNEGIE HALL. Adds Details to the Narrative of His Discovery—Address Illustrated by Pictures of His Own Taking.

New York, Sept. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook in a lecture tonight under the auspices of the Arctic Club of America, at Carnegie hall, added no essential facts to his narrative of the discovery of the north pole, but added details to those passages which have been previously criticized for their lack of detail.

Why He Entrusted Records to Whitney.

"Harry Whitney," he said, "asked me to entrust to him a sledge for the flag that I planted at the north pole. He expected then an American ship to call for him, and we both agreed that his return journey would be shorter and smoother by water than the distance over land and ice that still remained for me before I could reach civilization. For that reason I gave him the sledge and the flag."

Condensed Telegrams

Archbishop Roermond, primate of the Danish church, died in Copenhagen.

Orville Wright Decided Not to Enter the aviation week contests in Berlin.

Whitelaw Reid, American Ambassador to the court of St. James, sailed for Europe.

America Will Be Represented at the international Ballon Races at Zurich Sept. 30.

Russian Authorities Have Realized the danger of a raid on the capital during war.

The Commercial Commissioners of Japan visited Chicago's manufacturing institutions.

Dr. William H. Felton, who represented a Georgia district in congress for three terms, died.

The Bank at Blufford, Ill., was wrecked by bandits, four explosions virtually demolishing the building.

Howard Gil of Baltimore and Hilary Beachey made a night in Mr. Gil's balloon from Washington.

The Buckeye Powder Mill, located at Edwards Station, twelve miles west of Peoria, Ill., was blown up.

A Great Aviation Meet has been arranged to begin Oct. 3 at Juvisy-Sur-Aye, twenty miles from Paris.

The Property of Count Crabbe in St. Petersburg has been leased for the residence of the American ambassador.

Fires Reported to Be Incendiary, destroyed the business center of Newport, Ind., and caused a loss of \$30,000.

The Spanish Forces in their advance in Morocco burned several villages and encountered sharp resistance from the tribesmen.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska upheld the Sibley act, which made a flat cut of 25 per cent. in express rates in Nebraska.

Robert Joyce, aged 11, George Botter, 11, and Thomas Craddock, 12, were killed by a Lake Shore fast mail train at Cleveland.

The Furnace Room of the White House was gutted by fire which for a while threatened the destruction of the entire building.

For the First Time three men, including a photographer, descended into the pit of the crater of Mount Kilanea in Hawaii.

Isaac H. White and Labam Sparks were appointed census supervisors for the first and second districts of Maryland, respectively.

James Keir Hardie, labor leader in the British parliament, says he believes the liberals will secure a controlling majority in the coming elections.

The Report of Dick J. Crosby, specialist in agricultural education of the department of agriculture, shows that wonderful progress has been made in this line of learning in the last eleven years.

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The Italian Government will present to the congressional library a copy of each engraving mentioned in "The Catalogue of the Best Points and Engravings" in the Royal Copper Plate Collection.

LATHAM IN AEROPLANE

FLIES ACROSS BERLIN. From Tempelhof Parade Ground to Johannisthal in Exactly 24 Minutes.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, flew in an aeroplane today across Berlin and the outlying suburbs to Johannisthal, where an aeroplane meet was in progress. He was sent away with cheers from a hundred thousand people. He rose lightly and after a preliminary circuit of the Tempelhof parade ground, which he attained an altitude of one hundred yards, he drove straight across the city on the run of eleven and one-quarter miles to his objective. A balloon anchored above the city served to give him his direction.

Johannisthal, Sept. 27.—Hubert Latham arrived here from the Tempelhof parade ground, exactly twenty-four minutes after his departure. He circled the course here twice before landing without mishap.

Funeral of ex-Gov. Bell Tomorrow.

Walden, Vt., Sept. 27.—The body of former Gov. Charles J. Bell, who died suddenly in New York City, was taken to his home here today. At East Cambridge the train was met by G. T. Walters, secretary of civil and military affairs under Governor Bell, and at East Hardwick by a number of prominent citizens who accompanied the body home. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Governor Bell's home. Rev. H. A. Campbell, pastor of the Congregational church here, will officiate.

Hartford Saloons to Remain Open Until Midnight.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 27.—At a joint meeting of the board of aldermen and the common council tonight it was voted to allow the saloons to remain open until 12 o'clock, as has been the custom. The joint special committee of four which had the matter in charge today for the 12 o'clock hour and one for 11 o'clock.

Found With Skull Fractured.

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New Britain Man Resigns Office.

New Britain, Sept. 27.—George F. Bailey, for the past ten years vice president of the Toplin Manufacturing company, resigned today. The resignation takes effect Nov. 1.

Ready to Answer Everything.

Rain Marred The Hudson Fetes

LARGER PART OF CROWDS REST-ED WITHIN DOORS.

HUDSON MONUMENT DEDICATED

On Spuyten Duyvil Hill—Hotel Rooms on Line of Today's Historical Parade Worth About \$100 Each.

New York, Sept. 27.—The envoys of several nations which have sent ships of war and the special delegates of other nations participating in the Hudson-Fulton celebration were officially received tonight at a reception in the Metropolitan Opera house, under the auspices of the Hudson-Fulton commission.

Dignitaries from Foreign Lands.

Seated on the stage was a distinguished gathering, including dignitaries from the countries of Europe, the Orient and South America, officials of city and state, and men prominent in business and professional life of this country. One of the most conspicuous figures on the stage, and the only woman occupying such a position, was Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the venerable author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Because of her advanced years, Mrs. Howe sat in a wheeled chair.

Invocation by Bishop Greer.

General Stewart L. Woodford, chairman of the Hudson-Fulton commission, formally called the proceedings to order and introduced Mayor McClellan as the chairman of the evening. Mr. McClellan introduced Bishop Greer, the Episcopal minister in charge of the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The most conspicuous part of the bishop's invocation was his saying, in the hearing of the naval officers of the chief powers of the world: "Bind the nations of the earth in the bonds of brotherhood and peace; make war to cease and righteousness to reign."

Welcomed to the City.

In his address extending a welcome on behalf of the city, Mayor McClellan spoke briefly.

After a speech by the New York Banks Glee club, Mrs. Howe read an original poem, playing an eloquent tribute to Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton.

An address of welcome on behalf of the commission was delivered by General Woodford, then the roll of the nations was read, the naval officers of the chief powers of the world, and concluding with Turkey. There were cheers and hand-clapping as each delegate stepped forward and presented either a message from his sovereign or an appropriate address. The assemblage grew especially enthusiastic when the delegates of Japan, Holland, Germany and England came forward, and the cheering rang for more than a minute. The majority of the delegates presented their addresses, after having read them to Mayor McClellan.

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Steamship Arrivals.

At Glasgow, Sept. 28: Calcutta, from New York.

At Liverpool, Sept. 31: Arable, from New York.